22(currently amended) - The apparatus according to claim 21 wherein said closure further includes a spout~~, said outlet passage extending through said spout~~ with a through hole which provides for communication between the end of said spout and said fluid exit.

23(canceled)

24(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 21 wherein said fluid entrance and said fluid exit are substantially radially aligned.

25(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 21 wherein said fluid entrance is at substantially the lowest liquid level when said container is inverted.

26(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 21 wherein said outlet passage is at least one single loop helix.

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27(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 21 wherein said outlet passage has a volume greater than .060 cubic inches.

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28(previously presented) - An apparatus for use in dispensing a liquid, said apparatus comprising:

(a) a closure defining a wall, said closure adapted to close off the open end of a container;

(b) said container defining a recessed channel;

(c) an outlet passage substantially formed by said recessed channel and said wall of said closure when said closure is attached to said container, said outlet passage having a fluid entrance and a fluid exit so as to provide communication between the interior and exterior of said container, said outlet passage having sufficient volume to prevent contained liquid from reaching said fluid exit when said apparatus is inverted.

29(currently amended) - The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein said closure further includes a spout~~, said outlet passage extending through said spout~~ with a through hole which provides for communication between the end of said spout and said fluid exit.

30(canceled)

31(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein said fluid entrance and said fluid exit are substantially radially aligned.

32(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein said fluid entrance is at substantially the lowest liquid level when said container is inverted.

33(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein said outlet passage is at least one single loop helix.

34(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein said outlet passage has a volume greater than .060 cubic inches.

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35(previously presented) - An apparatus for use in dispensing a liquid, said apparatus comprising:

(a) a container presenting a first recessed channel;

(b) a closure adapted to close off the open end of said container, said closure defining a second recessed channel;

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(c) an outlet passage substantially formed by said first recessed channel of said container and said second recessed channel of said closure when said closure is attached to said container, said outlet passage having a fluid entrance and a fluid exit so as to provide communication between the interior and exterior of said container, said outlet passage having sufficient volume to prevent contained liquid from reaching said fluid exit when said apparatus is inverted.

36(currently amended) - The apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said closure further includes a spout~~, said outlet passage extending through said spout~~ with a through hole which provides for communication between the end of said spout and said fluid exit.

37(canceled)

38(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said outlet passage is at least one single loop helix.

39(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said fluid entrance is at substantially the lowest liquid level when said container is inverted.

40(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said outlet passage has a volume greater than .060 cubic inches.

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41(new) - The apparatus according to claim 21 wherein said closure has multiple recessed channels.

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42(new) - The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein said container has multiple recessed channels.

43(new) - The apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said outlet passage is formed from multiple said first recessed channels and multiple said second recess channels.